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PRETORIA FOR AMBASSADOR LOW

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

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1. WE MET WITH SENIOR REMAINING OFFICIAL AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZIMBA JUNE 5 TO DISCUSS RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR ZAIRE. ZIMBA WAS NOT NEGOTIATIVE TO THE IDEA OF AN AFRICAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE BUT WAS ANXIOUS FOR DETAILS AS TO ITS COMPOSITION AND ON WHO WOULD PROVIDE FINANCING. HE SAID IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER IF AT LEAST ONE ENGLISH SPEAKING CONTINGENT WAS INCLUDED. OTHERWISE, THE FORCE WOULD BE SEEN AS THE EXCLUSIVE INSTRUMENT OF FRANCE TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE OAU.

2. ZIMBA ALSO QUESTIONED THE UTILITY OF A PEACE KEEPING FORCE IF MOBUTU DID NOT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSE OF DISSIDENCE IN ZAIRE. HE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD COUNSELED MOBUTU TO TAKE STEPS WHICH WOULD BRING DISENCHANTED ELEMENTS INTO THE MAIN STREAM OF ZAIRIAN POLITICS. IF THE PEACE KEEPING FORCE WAS USED ONLY AS A MEANS OF REPRESSION AND NO STEPS WERE TAKEN LEADING TO REFORM, THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPLOSIVE UNREST WOULD REMAIN.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, ZIMBA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT
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HAD NOT YET DEFINED ITS REACTION TO THE PEACE KEEPING FORCE. HE AND OTHERS WERE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY. PRESIDENT KAUNDA, HE SAID, PROBABLY WOULD NOT APPROVE OF SUCH A FORCE. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD DENOUNCE IT GIVEN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS (SEE REFTEL C) EQUATING FRENCH INTERVENTION IN KOLWEZI WITH CUBAN-SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA, WHERE IN THE TWO INSTANCES FOREIGN INTERVENTION WAS INVITED BY THE LEGAL AUTHORITIES.
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